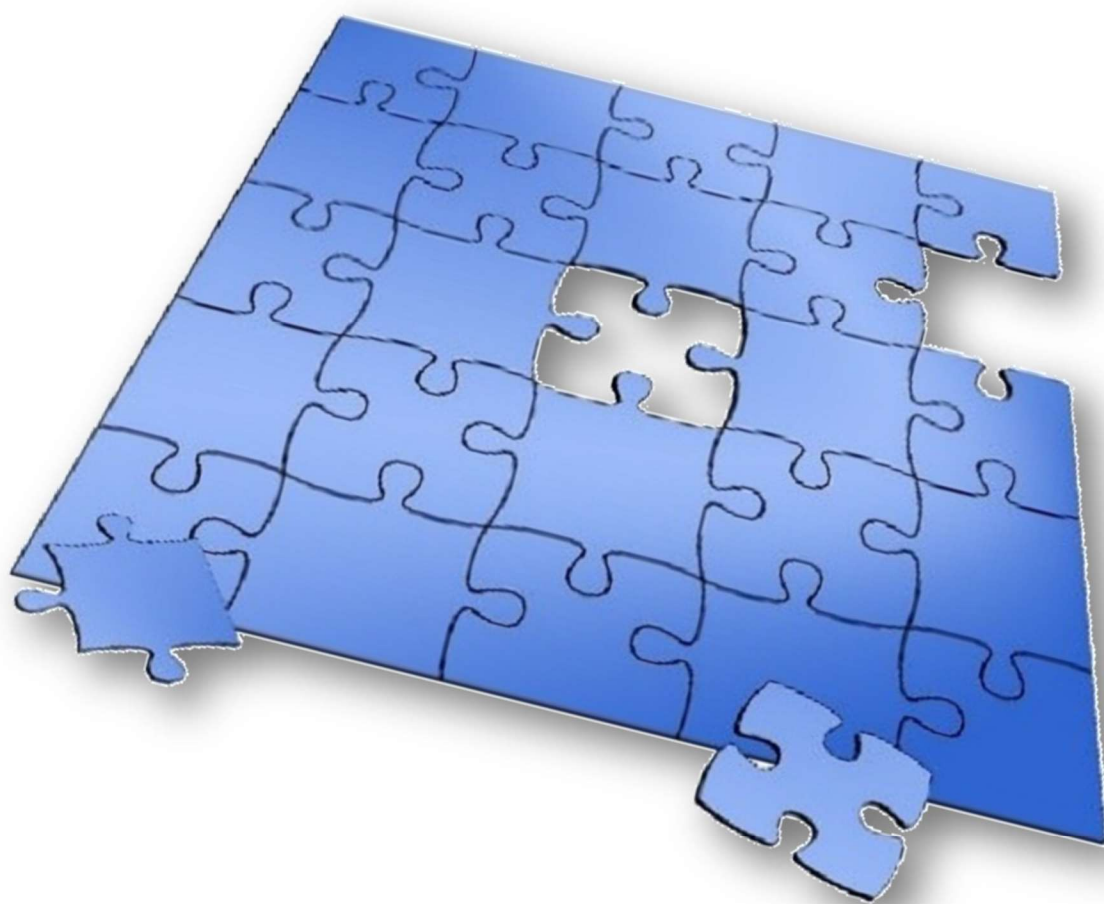


Making Connections Women Veterans Conference

February 29, 2020



Hosted by:

**Nevada Department of Veterans Services
VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System**



9:00AM Opening Session

Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

- Renee Lipscomb
U.S. Air Force

National Anthem

- Genevieve O'Brien
U.S. Air Force

Welcome and Introductions

- Beth Hemmila
NDVS Women Veterans Service Officer

Keynote Speaker

- Ann E. Doran
Executive Director, Office of Patient Advocacy
Veterans Health Administration
U.S. Navy

Making Connections Activity

- Monica C. Smith
Chief Veterans Experience
Veterans Health Administration

Break & Visit Exhibitor Hall

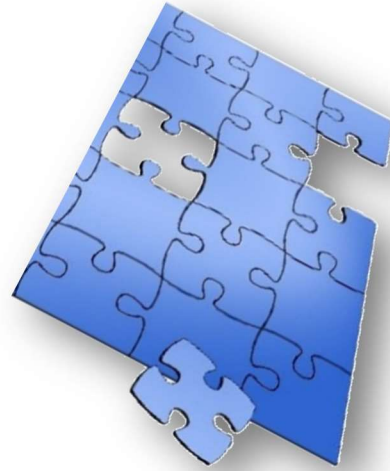
Connecting to Healthcare and Benefits

Moderator:

- Janice Postlewaite
Women Veterans Program Manager
VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System (VASNHS)
U.S. Air Force

Panelists:

- Dr. Maia D. Carter, Chief of Primary Care, VASNHS
- Dr. Amanda Flory, VA Mental Health, VASNHS
- Cheryl Martin, RN, VA Community Care
- Rebecca Ryals, Outreach Specialist, Veterans Benefits Administration
U.S. Army



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Connecting through Volunteerism (Working Lunch)

Moderator:

- Anne Davis, Chair, Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC)
U.S. Army

Panelists:

- Bobi Oates, Vicechair, WVAC, U.S. Air Force
- Marlene Merck, Committee Member, WVAC, U.S. Air Force
- Nina Ridgeway, Chair, Southern Nevada Veteran Community Engagement Board, U.S. Air Force
- Deanna M. Weston, Program Support Assistant, Voluntary Service, VASNHS, U.S. Army

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Connecting to Employment

Moderator:

- Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Director, Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)

Panelists:

- Tiara J. Flynn, President/CEO, Sumnu Marketing, U.S. Air Force
- Stacey Bostwick, Workforce Development Program Coordinator, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Irene Bustamante Adams, Deputy Director & Chief Strategy Officer, Workforce Connections

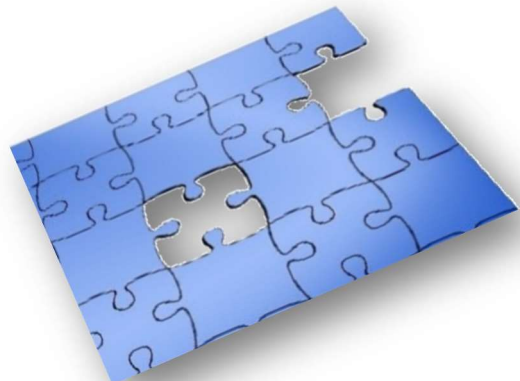
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Conscious Connections

- Annie Emprima-Martin
Committee Member, WVAC
Nevada Army National Guard

Keeping Connected

- Katherine Miller
NDVS Director
U.S. Army





Ann E. Doran is the Executive Director, Office of Patient Advocacy, Veterans Health Administration. She is responsible for overseeing and driving critical strategies in VHA's cultural transformation, improving the Veterans' experience and delivering an exceptional advocacy program. She offers over 23 years of expertise in healthcare management. A Persian Gulf War Veteran, Ms. Doran is retired Chief Petty Officer, Hospital Corpsman, US Navy.



Katherine Miller is Director of NDVS. She was raised in Reno and retired from the U.S. Army after serving 34 years. Starting as an enlisted soldier, she culminated her service with assignments as a military police brigade commander including a deployment to Afghanistan. Kat has a Master of Science Degree from the U.S. Army War College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago.



Dr. Anne Davis is a Retired Army Colonel and serves as Chair of Nevada's Women Veterans Advisory Committee. A native of Michigan, she graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1982 earning a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps. She served in the Army for 29 years in various locations and positions. She commanded the Hawthorne Army Depot from 2000-2002.



Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner was appointed as the Director of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) in 2019. She serves as a member of the Governor's cabinet, overseeing the daily operations of DETR. Previously she was the Chief Executive Officer of Communities In Schools (CIS) of Nevada. Dr. Tyler-Garner holds a doctoral degree in Educational Psychology, from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Monica C. Smith has been with the Veterans Healthcare Administration for 11 years. She serves as Chief of Veterans Experience for VASNHS. She started in Buffalo, New York as an Administrative Support Assistant for Medical Administration Service. In addition, she served as Voluntary Service Specialist at the Central Texas VA from 2014-2016 where she engaged with many Veteran Service Organizations and key community leaders in Central Texas.



Annie Emprima-Martin served from 2008-2017 in the Nevada Army National Guard. She deployed to Kuwait in 2016 and served as finance operations for the 17th Sustainment Brigade. She is an active volunteer in the veteran community, serving on the Governor's Women Veterans Advisory Committee, Southern Nevada VA Healthcare Systems Veteran and Family Advisory Council, the Southern Nevada Community Engagement Board, and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.



Janice Postlewaite is the Women Veterans Program Manager at VASNHS. She previously served as a Vet Center Director in Okaloosa County, FL, providing services to military and veterans. Ms. Postlewaite has held various clinical social work, mental health, and leadership positions since starting her career with the VHA. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of West Florida and her Master of Science degree in Clinical Social Work from Florida State University.



Beth Hemmila is the Women Veterans Service Officer for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. Her primary role is to serve the needs of Nevada's women Veterans through advocacy, claims assistance, education, community outreach, and special events. For over 4 years Ms. Hemmila helped Veterans successfully navigate Oregon's criminal justice system, drug treatment court, and probation.





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8:00 AM – 11:30 AM (Both Events)

March 18 – Reno – Washoe Senior Center –
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March 24 - North Las Vegas – VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System
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- Rebecca Ryals, Outreach Specialist, Veterans Benefits Administration

Women Veteran Ambassadors

- Peggy Bohn
- Brenda Horton
- Renee Lipscomb
- Genevieve O'Brien
- Bobi Oates
- Carmen Rank
- Yvette Weigold

Community Partners

- Blue Star Mothers of Henderson & Boulder City NV4
- Melissa Clipper, Blue Star Mothers, Chapter President 2015-2019
- Grand Canyon University
- Women Veterans Portrait Exhibit "Through Our Eyes," Chrysta Burr, Anthony Matulich, other contributors from the Veteran's Photography Group.
- Texas Station, Patricia Bova Pino, Marni Mitchell, and Texas Station team.

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